dated 29th Karkadagam 1107 referring to the compassionate gratuity for the family of deceased Government servants who die in harness?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): A copy of the Diwan's Proceedings is appended. (*Appendix II.*)

HUZUR JETTY MAIDAN—CLOSING OF.

137. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to close the Huzur Jetty Maidan;

(*b*) if so, have the Government considered the necessity of setting apart any other suitable place for holding public meetings at Ernakulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*):
(*a*) There is no proposal to close the Huzur Jetty Maidan for the public.

(*b*) Government have not set apart the Huzur Jetty maidan for holding public meetings in Ernakulam.

WATER SCARCITY—TRICHUR.

138. മിസിസ്സ് സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി: (*a*) തൃശ്ശൂർ പട്ടണത്തിൽ ജല ലഭ്യതയ്ക്കുവേനൽക്കാലത്തു് അസൗകര്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടില്ലേ;

(*b*) അതിനെ പരിഹരിക്കുന്നതിനു് ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നു് എന്തെങ്കിലും ചെയ്യുകയുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(*c*) തൃശ്ശൂരു് വെള്ളം സുലഭമായി ലഭിക്കുന്നതിനു് വേണ്ടതായ ഒരു പദ്ധതി നടത്തുവാൻ ആ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിക്കു സാദ്ധ്യമാണോ;

(*d*) ആ കാര്യം ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നുതന്നെ നടത്തുകയോ അതിനു സാദ്ധ്യമല്ലാത്തപക്ഷം സാരമായ ഒരു സംഭാവനയെങ്കിലും ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നു ചെയ്യുവാനോ ഉദ്ദേശമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: (*a*) ഉവ്വു്.
(*b*) ഉണ്ടു്.
(*c*) സാദ്ധ്യമാണെന്നു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു കരുതുന്നു.
(*d*) മറുപടി ആവശ്യമില്ല.

MUKUNDAPURAM BEEDI MAKERS' STRIKE—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

139. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to give a succinct account of the recent

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Mukundapuram Beedi-makers' strike, with special reference to the following points :—

(*a*) what was the cause of the strike ;

(*b*) who instigated the strike ;

(*c*) were the labourers given regular work ;

(*d*) who were the mediators and what were their suggestions ;

(*e*) has the strike ended ;

(*f*) what were the benefits achieved by the labourers of this strike ?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*) : (*a*) It is reported that Mr. K. P. Lonappan, the contractor of the Tobacco shops of the Mukundapuram Taluk, sent away the beedi-makers who were working under him, by the end of Chingam last, as there was then an excess stock of beedies in his shops. At this time, there was some agitation of the beedi-makers going on in order to get enhanced wages and better amenities. Though a resolution was passed in a Meeting held at Irinjalakkuda under the Presidentship of one P. Kesava Dev demanding of the contractor to pay wages at a uniform rate of 10 annas for every 1000 beedies, the contractor showed reluctance to comply with this demand and he stopped all work in his shops in the centres, such as Karupadana, Kattur and Irinjalakkuda from the 30th of Chingam 1114. When the labourers were thrown out of work they began to picket his shops and it lasted for about 24 days.

(*b*) Nobody instigated the beedi-workers to strike; but when they were thrown out of work, they resorted to strike;

(*c*) Yes, till they were thrown out of work as mentioned in answer to question (*a*).

(*d*) Messrs. Kurur Nilakantan Nambudiripad, Panampilly Govinda Menon and others. No information about their suggestions.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The conditions under which an agreement was arrived at are :

1. the contractor should take back to work from 27th Kanni 1114 all the beedi-workers who were under him till 1st Chingam 1114,

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2. a uniform rate of 6 annas for manufacturing 1000 beedies should be given to all beedi-workers under him,

3. the beedi-workers should be given 5 days' work in a week,

4. they are to work from 7 a. m. till 6 p. m., every working day,

5. they should not be dismissed without giving notice in writing to the labourers concerned and to the President of the Beedi Workers' Union and that nobody is to be dismissed without proper reasons,

6. the labourers should not resort to strike without giving previous notice,

7. the beedi contractor is to supply all materials for the manufacture of beedies during the prescribed time,

8. the beedi-workers are to give up the strike and resume work at once,

9. the contractor should not prevent any labourer from enlisting himself in the "Beedi-Workers' Union" and should not be found fault with for having joined the Union,

10. if the stock increases the contractor can stop work only after mutual consultation among the representatives of the labourers, the contractor and Mr. Panampilli Govinda Menon, and

11. the labourers are to exert their best to prevent illicit sale of tobacco and beedi by others.

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PETTY THEFTS—VELLARAPPILLI.

140. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that of late petty thefts are increasing in Vellarappilli ;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to increase the staff of the local Outpost to say five constables and one Head constable, so that one man may be available to do patrol work in each village ?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) There is no necessity at present to increase the strength of the Outpost.